UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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) Case No. 05-10806 - MLW
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PLAINTIFFS' REFUSAL OF CONSENT TO THE EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION BY A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Plaintiffs, Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company, hereby decline to consent to the exercise of jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge.

Respectfully submitted,

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